

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the Paragraph at page 1, lines 1-3 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION APPLICATIONS**

This claims the benefit of United States provisional patent application identified as Application Number 60/270,803, filed February 23, 2001, and Application Number 09/494,050, filed January 28, 2000, now USPN 6,428,013, which claims the benefit of provisional Application Number 60/117,723, filed January 29, 1999.

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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 27, 2005  
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FROM: David Bucci  
Office of Petitions  
SUBJECT: Application No. 10/081,130

Please indicate whether the proposed amendment filed with the petition of August 16, 2005, to **claim priority** to the prior-filed applications will be entered or whether the proposed amendment raises new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

This information is necessary since, if the proposed amendment will not be entered, we would need to require the submission of an RCE as a condition for acceptance of the late claim for priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3).

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.